

USCGC VIGOROUS (WMEC 627)

Command Philosophy

Cutter



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Crew

As Commanding Officer of VIGOROUS, I am completely and inescapably responsible for the safe operation of the cutter, the effective execution of the mission, the proper administration of the unit, and the safety and welfare of the crew. By accepting these responsibilities, I gladly commit myself to upholding the highest standards of seamanship and professionalism. By accepting assignment to VIGOROUS, you have willingly accepted these same high standards in the greatest traditions of our maritime service. Together, we will remain *SEMPER GERERE* to conduct our vital missions as only a **cutter crew** can by doing the following:

Execute the Mission Safely & Effectively – Cutter operations are inherently dangerous. We can significantly enhance the safety of our operations and reduce risk by remaining vigilant to identify and remove hazards in both routine and unusual circumstances while strictly adhering to established policy and procedures. Make safety a personal priority in your daily routine. If something doesn't look safe, make it safe. If you can't make it safe yourself, get help from a shipmate and inform your supervisor. Watch out for your shipmate, on and off duty. We cannot be effective in executing our missions unless we can conduct them safely.

Enhance Your Personal & Professional Development – Assignment afloat is an incredibly challenging, yet rewarding opportunity. I encourage you to make the best of it. Aggressively pursue your qualifications. Seek out every opportunity to increase your professional skills and knowledge through training, education and study. Share your own knowledge and experience with others. Volunteer in the community, be a mentor, or enroll in a new course. Become a life-long learner.

Look Out For Your Shipmates – Always respect your shipmates. Help foster a positive, healthy, and inclusive work place that values the diversity, experience and skills of our workforce. Never compromise your honor or the honor of your shipmates. Be a watchful Keeper to your shipmate, and don't hesitate to get involved when you see someone standing into shoal water.

Take Pride in What You Do – Take pride in Yourself; take pride in your Ship; and take pride in your Service. Live the Coast Guard's Core Values and Guardian Ethos in all that you do. Maintain a neat, fit and professional appearance on and off duty. Remember that you represent the ship and the Service at all times. The true measure of a Guardian is not what you do when others are watching, but what you do when no one is watching. Set high standards for yourself and be the example for all others to emulate.

